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## ↓DECLARATION: Your Petitioner(s)-

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-The above Inventor(s) hereby requests Letters-patent be granted on the below described ☐ Utility/☐ Design invention Patent-application, as set forth in the annexed transmittal via appropriate Specification, Drawing(s) ONE (☐ Informal/☒ Formal), Abstract(if required), & Claim(s); totaling some 30-pages, bearing petitioning Applicant's prose(self)-filing Docket Ref.Nr. → #VH/ 200,652; Any Parent Filing-number/date → -NONE; Any PCT/Pat.Application Nr. → # -NONE.

↓SMALL-ENTITY STATUS: This statement serves to verify that above Petitioner(s) qualify as Independent-inventor(s) as defined in 37CFR-1.9(c), for advantage of paying half-reduced Small-entity fees to U.S.Patent-Office, under U.S.Code/Title-35/Section-41(a,b), with regard to hereto identified invention disclosed in the appended Specification duly filed in PTO herewith. The invention is:

ENTITLED: "IMPETUS-MODIFYING THRUST-WHEELS FOR BALL-PITCHING MACHINES"

I VERIFY per (37CFR-1.9(f)&-1.27(b)): -this invention has not heretofore been Assigned, Granted, Conveyed, Licensed; named inventor(s) being under no obligation of contract nor law to so assign, grant, convey, license- any rights in this invention to either: any person who could not qualify as an Independent-inventor under above said regulations if that person had discovered this invention; or, any concern not qualifying as either: a Small-business concern (per 37/CFR-1.9(d)); or, a Nonprofit-organization (per 37/CFR-1.9(e)).

↓Filing-fee computations: Basic-fee-\$375.00(☐ Design/☒ Utility); also, if applicable: a surcharge-fee for total Claims in excess of twenty (@\$ 11/ea.)= \$ 0.00; plus, for Independent-claims in excess of three (@\$ 40/ea.)= \$ 0.00; plus, for PTMS(Petition-To-Make-Special) \$ 0.00; thus, a SUM-TOTAL+ \$ 375.00 (paid herewith via Check/☐ M.O.☐ CAUTION: PTO Fee's subject to increase annually(October) without notice; thus Pro'se-filers(non-attorney assisted) can phone: 800/PTO-9199 for latest U.S.Pat.Office fee-rate/schedule increase (a severe Gov't.Pat.Office surcharge-fee(covert tax) is levied, even if only a dollar short!). Above named filer hereby acknowledges duty to file, in this Application for Patent, up-dated notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to Small-entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying the Issuance-fee, or upon any Maintenance-fee due after the date upon which status as a Small-entity be no longer appropriate. (per 37/CFR-1.28(b))

↓OATH: Above named Inventor(s), hereby declares above Postal-address, and citizenship, are presently correct; and, Inventor(s) verily believe to be original, first, and Sole-inventor(s) of the subject matter which is appendedly Claimed, and for which a U.S.Patent is sought on the Invention, the Specification and Claims to which are attached herewith, and entitled as stated above hereto. Accordingly, I have authored, reviewed and thoroughly understand the contents of the above identified Specification(including Claims-section), as amended by any Amendment specifically referred to in the Oath or Declaration hereto; and, hereby claim the benefit under Title-35/USC-§120 of any U.S.Pat.Application, or §365(c) of a related PCT/International Pat.Application designating the USA, listed above and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the Claims of said Application is not disclosed in a prior USA or PCT International Application in the manner provided by the first-paragraph of Title-35/USA-code §112. I acknowledge an ongoing legal obligation to timely disclose information deemed of material patentability essential to a thorough Examination of this Pat.Application per Title-37/CFR,Section-1.56(a), which information may become available between the filing-date of the prior Pat.Application and the national or PCT/International filing-date.

↓VALIDATION: Executed in the County of- SAN DIEGO, in State of- CALIFORNIA  
 THEREFORE, the above named inventor(s) hereby attest that all affirmations made hereon are of their knowledge, are true, and all statements made on information and belief are thought to be thus true; and, that as such, are made under awareness that willful false statements and the like, if made, are punishable by Federally imposed fine, imprisonment, or both (per U.S.Code Section-1001/Title-18); and, such willful untruthfulness can jeopardize the Pat.Application validity, and any Patent issued thereon. WHEREAS the above official document is thus so sworn to be true and factual under penalty of perjury, -we thus now ascribe our legal signatures:

BY 1st.-INVENTOR:

J. Robert Richard

BY 2nd.-INVENTOR:

-NONE

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THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL(S) SIGNED HERE ON:

DAY- 16 MONTH- July YEAR- 2003